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MCCONE APPOINTMENT

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(EDITORIAL: "MCCONE REPLACES ALLEN DULLES")

(TEXT) LAST WEEK PRESIDENT KENNEDY APPOINTED A SUCCESSOR TO THE 68-YEAR-OLD CHIEF OF THE CIA, ALLEN WELSH DULLES. THE SUCCESSOR IS 59-YEAR-OLD JOHN ALEX MCCONE. ALLEN DULLES WAS REGARDED AS VIRTUALLY THE FATHER OF CIA. HE HAS BEEN ITS CHIEF FOR EIGHT YEARS BUT WILL RETIRE NEXT NOVEMBER. IN THE MEANTIME, HE WILL INTRODUCE HIS SUCCESSOR TO THE SECRETS OF DIRECTING THIS TITANIC AND MIGHTY ORGANIZATION.

JOHN MCCONE IS NOT UNKNOWN IN WASHINGTON. FROM MID-1958 THROUGH 20 JANUARY 1961 HE WAS CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND MADE HIMSELF KNOWN AS AN OPPONENT OF STOPPING NUCLEAR TESTS. HE IS AN ENGINEER BY TRAINING. AT 32 HE WAS APPOINTED A DIRECTOR OF THE CONSOLIDATED STEEL CORPORATION IN LOS ANGELES. DURING WORLD WAR II HE DIRECTED THE BUILDING OF 467 CARGO BOATS WORTH ABOUT 1 BILLION DOLLARS. SINCE THAT TIME, MCCONE HAS BEEN REGARDED AS AN EXTREMELY PROSPEROUS MAN. IN 1947-1948, HE WAS A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S COMMITTEE FOR AVIATION POLICY, AND IN 1950 AND 1951 HE WAS AN AIR FORCE UNDER SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPANDING THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM OF MILITARY PLANES.

THE AMERICAN PRESS PRESENTS DULLES'S DEPARTURE AS THE TRANSFER OF AN OLD MAN TO DESERVED RETIREMENT. IT IS A FACT, HOWEVER, THAT IN RECENT MONTHS VOICES HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN RAISED IN THE UNITED STATES DEMANDING THAT DULLES BE REMOVED FROM THE CIA AS BEARING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROVOCATIVE U-2 FLIGHTS AND, ABOVE ALL, FOR ORGANIZING THE FAMOUS INVASION OF CUBA. FOR MANY MONTHS PRESIDENT KENNEDY CONTEMPLATED DULLES'S DISMISSAL. HE APPOINTED SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF EXPERTS WHO WERE TO LAY DOWN THE PRINCIPLES FOR A REFORM OF THE CIA AS WELL AS THE METHODS OF RESTRICTING CIA INFLUENCE IN THE EXECUTION OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, JOHN MCCONE IS A VERY ABLE ADMINISTRATOR AND A MAN WHO LEAVES NO DOUBT AMONG HIS SUBORDINATES AS TO WHO IS THE BOSS. A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE NEW CHIEF OF CIA WILL HAVE TO BE "VERY DETERMINED TO THROW OUT OF CIA THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURES." THE NEW CIA CHIEF LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE ALLEN DULLES--HIS HAIR IS GRAY, HE IS TALL, AND HE WEARS RIMLESS SPECTACLES. BUT THAT IS ALL: HE HAS NO BROTHER WHO IS A SECRETARY OF STATE NOR DOES HE ENJOY THE REPUTATION OF A MAN THAT HAS DEVOTED ALL HIS LIFE TO ESPIONAGE. ALTHOUGH THE INSTITUTIONS IN WHICH DULLES HAS WORKED SINCE 1916 CARRY A VARIETY OF NAMES, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN INTELLIGENCE.

MCCONE'S APPOINTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN INFLUENCED BY PARTY CONSIDERATION. HE IS A REPUBLICAN, AND DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT KENNEDY, APPOINTING A REPUBLICAN LEADER TO SUCH A VERY IMPORTANT POST, WISHES TO BE SAFE AGAINST POSSIBLE CRITICISM OF THE REPUBLICANS IN THE CONGRESS.

MCCONE IS JUST TAKING THE HEARINGS OF HIS NEW APPOINTMENT. WE SHALL HAVE TO WAIT TO BE ABLE TO TELL WHETHER MCCONE WILL FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ADVENTUROUS POLICIES OF HIS DISGRACED PREDECESSOR--THE ARCHBISHOP ALLEN DULLES.